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SUBJECT: PARTIAL IV GRANT FOR GOM MINISTER OF JUSTICE

- 1. DURING MY INITIAL COUTESY CALL ON MINISTER OF JUSTICE, EMMANUAL BUSSIER, HE CONFIRMED HE WOULD LEAD MAURITIAN DELEGATION TO CARACAS LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE (REF: PORT LOUIS 0317). BUSSIER ALSO INDICATED THAT HE COULD TRAVEL ENROUTE TO VENEZUELA THROUGH US AND SHOWED INTEREST IN SEEING SOMETHING OF OUR COUNTRY AND ITS JUDICIAL INSTITUTIONS.
- 2. WITHOUT GOING FURTHER WITH MINISTER OF JUSTICE, I VENTURED THAT FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE MIGHT BE OFFERED SHOULD HE ROUTE HIMSELF VIA US.
- 3. WHAT I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO DO, HOWEVER, IS TO OFFER INVITATION TO BUSSIER TO SPEND SOME TIME AS GUEST USG IN WASHINGTON AND PERHAPS IN NEW YORK. BUSSIER COULD SPEND AS MUCH TIME AS ONE WEEK TO TEN DAYS IN US PRIOR TO PROCEEDING TO LOS CONFERENCE.
- 4. EMBASSY REALIZES THAT THIS IS RATHER SHORT PERIOD FOR STANDARD PARTIAL IV GRANT TO US, BUT SINCE MINISTER'S AIR FARE ALREADY PAID FOR BY GOM, ONLY PER DIEM PAYMENTS AND MINIMAL PROGRAM EFFORT SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO SATISFY HIS NEEDS.
- 5. BIGGEST PLUS ON OUR SIDE, MOREOVER, WOULD BE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE BUSSIER CONFER ON THE SPOT WITH DEPARTMENT'S OWN EXPERTS ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LOS PRIOR TO HIS GOING ON TO CONFERENCE.

6. I HAVE SPOKEN TO PRIME MINISTER ABOUT OUR DESIRE TO BE AS HOSPITABLE AS POSSIBLE TO BUSSIER IF HE HAS TIME FOR SHORT STOP IN US. PM APPROVED WITH WARM APPRECIATION OUR THOUGHTFULNESS.

7. HOPE THERE REMAIN SUFFICIENT FUNDS IN EMBASSY CU ALLOTMENT OR IN FALL-OUT FUNDS TO COVER THIS REQUEST. PLEASE ADVISE. MANHARD

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